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E.O. 11652 GDS
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SUBJECT: UAE FONMIN'S REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON PDRY

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

REF: ABU DHABI 520

1. IN RESPONSE FONMIN SUWAIDI'S INQUIRY, SUGGEST YOU
DRAW ON PAGES 14-15 OF MAY 8 ISSUE OF CFR AND NOTE THAT
WE WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT OF MUTUAL
CONCERN WITH HIM. YOU MAY WISH TO ADD THAT GIVEN FACT
WE HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PDRY, IT IS DIFFICULT
FOR US TO PROVIDE VERY PRECISE INFORMATION ON THE INTERNAL
SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THE
PDRY'S ECONOMY IS IN VERY BAD SHAPE AND THAT ITS GOVERN-
MENT HAS HIGH HOPES THAT THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL

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WILL IMPROVE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. TO BENEFIT

FROM THE INCREASED USE OF ADEN WHICH COULD COME FROM THE CANAL'S OPENING, PDRY WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE UP TO THE NECESSITY OF MODIFYING ITS BELLIGERENT STANCE TOWARDS WESTERN COUNTRIES.

2. REGARDING PDRY AND THE ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE ON DHOFAR, SUGGEST YOU TELL SUWAIDI THAT WE UNDERSTAND PDRY'S REACTION TO COMMITTEE'S FORMATION HAS BEEN NEGATIVE AND THAT PDRY HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW IT VISIT ADEN. HOWEVER, SOME PFLOAG REPRESENTATIVES MAY MEET WITH COMMITTEE IN CAIRO. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT COMMITTEE WILL TAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE VIEW OF SITUATION IN DHOFAR AND WORK TOWARDS RAPID AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KUWAIT HAS BEEN WORKING TO FOSTER SOME SORT OF A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PDRY AND OMAN, BUT PDRY HAS TAKEN A RATHER DOGMATIC VIEW OF CONFLICT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON HOW TO FOSTER A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PDRY AND OMAN AND TO ENCOURAGE MODERATION OF PDRY'S VIOLENT APPROACH TOWARDS ITS NEIGHBORS.

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